

ECHOES OF CEDARVILLE APRIL 2011

Cedarville Area Historical Society



Museum Readies for May 1 Opening

Volunteers are pushing hard to put the finishing touches on Cedarville Area Historical Society 2011 programs and new exhibits in the Cedarville Museum before the Sunday, May 1, opening of the museum.

This year the society will sponsor two evening and two daytime programs, three community events and two months of free Friday night outdoor movies. Only the June and July dates of the individual movies are yet to be set.

On the evening of Thursday, August 4, the historical society will present a talk by Joyce Salter Johnson, author of two recent books on the early black settlers of Stephenson County.

On the night of Thursday, August 18, the speaker will be Douglas Dammann, director of the Civil War Museum in Kenosha, Wi. His talk will tie into the new Civil War exhibit being assembled in the museum.

Both programs will start at 7:30 p.m. in

the museum.

At 9 a.m. on July 16 and October 8, Jim Bade, CAHS president, will conduct a one hour walk in the oldest part of the Cedarville Cemetery. The cost will be \$15; participation will be limited to 20. A booklet will be provided.

The Memorial Day parade and picnic will be at 10 a.m, Monday, May 30. The Jane Addams festival and picnic will be Saturday, September 24. The Christmas
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CAHS To Man Freeport Brat Stand June 10, 11

Cedarville Area Historical Society volunteers will operate the Freeport Cubs food store brat stand on Friday and Saturday, June 10 and 11.

Profits from the two days will be retained by the society.

Sue Myers, a CAHS member, will be in charge of the operation for the society.



Joyce Salter Johnson

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Program will be the evening of Tuesday, December 13.

This year the museum exhibit area, which has been expanded to the two first floor rooms and part of the new second floor room, will feature a dozen exhibits, an increase over last year's seven in the one first floor room.

All exhibits are either new or refurbished. This year the exhibits will feature Cedar Creek, the Cedarville Cemetery, Cedarville churches, World War II, the Civil War, origin of original settlers, Jane Addams, Hull-House, Cedarville area art, Cedarville School and Cedarville architecture and area arrowheads.

Historical Society Member Offers Safe Driving Course

Betty Kraft-Hartman, a member of CAHS, on April 4 will conduct the AARP 8 hour safe driving classroom refresher course for motorists aged 50 or older. The class starts at 8:30 a.m. in the Lions Club room at the Cedarville Community Center on Washington Street.

The cost for AARP members is \$12, for non-members \$14. Those who successfully complete the course will get a three year certificate that is often valid for a discount on auto insurance.

For more information call Betty Kraft-Hartman at 815-232-3042.

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The historical society is recognized as a non-profit organization by Illinois and the U.S. government and as such has been designated as eligible to receive tax deductible gifts under the IRS tax code regulation 501 (c) (3).



U.S. Military Uniforms Part of Museum Exhibit

Pictured above is Ramona Kryder, a former Cedarville resident now living in Freeport, as she donates the army uniform of her late husband, Paul, to become a part of the World War II exhibit at the Cedarville Museum.

Three other veterans of that war or family members have also contributed uniforms to the exhibit. They are William Angle (navy), rural Dakota; Paul Bertram (army), Cedarville; and Dick Engle, deceased (army), Cedarville.

For pictures of the museum's completed 2011 exhibits, turn to pages 4 and 5.

Fibre Art Fair April 9 At Community Center

The 15th annual Stephenson County Fibre Art Fair will be held Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Jane Addams Community Center.

Admission is \$2 for adults; children under twelve are admitted free.

There will be free demonstrations, seven workshops at various experience levels and more than 20 vendors.

For more information or workshop registration, contact Nancy Jones at 815-563-4911 or Suzy Beggin at 815-541-0897.

3 Free Lectures Remain In Library History Series

Three one hour programs remain in the Freeport Library 2011 free lecture series on American history.

On Monday, April 4, Suzy Beggin-Craft will discuss "Changing Women's Clothing of the Nineteenth Century": On Wednesday, April 11, Jim Phillips will talk on "Queen Liliuokalani and Hawaii": Monday, April 18, Dr. Martin Quirk, will speak on "Women Homesteaders on the Prairie."

Lectures begin at 7 p.m. in the library public meeting room. The series is sponsored by the Freeport Library Foundation and the Stephenson County Historical Society.

The yesterday and today of Cedarville architecture



A glimpse of the Addams family furniture

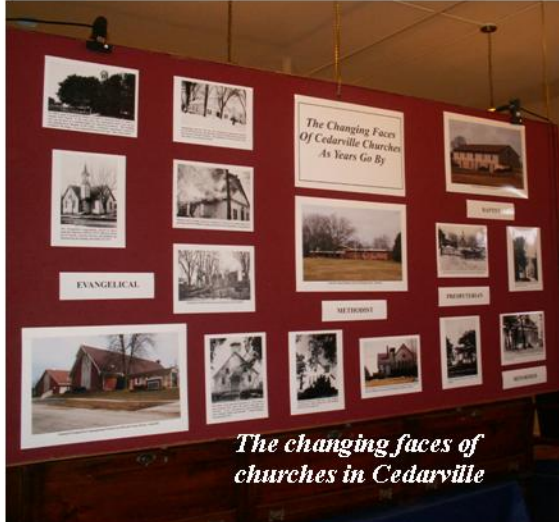
Cedar Creek photos that have not been exhibited before.



On the right is a detailed model of the John Addams mill that was created by Roger Goodspeed, Cedarville



Military uniforms at ease waiting to join the World War II exhibit in the first floor south room.



The changing faces of churches in Cedarville

The old and the new of the Cedarville Cemetery



Where did the earliest Cedarville area pioneers come from? This exhibit researched by Ladona Wardlow answers the question.

Museum To Open With More Exhibits

For three months, volunteers have been researching and then assembling new exhibits to occupy the extra museum space created when programs were moved to the second floor.

In the 2011 season there will be twelve exhibits, an increase over last year's seven. At this time, nine of the exhibits have been completed. The remaining three will be ready by museum opening on Sunday, May 1.

Volunteers who have helped in this project are: Harlan and Judy Corrie, Sue and Steve Myers, Dale Prieve, Ladona Wardlow and Bonnie Bade.

Cedarville's Modern Gas Stations

(Twenty years ago the late Clyde Kaiser wrote a series of brief articles touching on various aspects of the local scene as he remembered them from his long lifetime. Following is the second part of his memories of the coming of gas stations to the village. In last month's newsletter, Kaiser remembered that the first modern station in Cedarville was the one built in the 1920s by Will Bender and later run by Perry Koppein. It is pictured below.)

The second station was constructed in 1933 at the northwest corner of the intersection of Oak and Stephenson streets, presently the site of Barkau's used cars. Leonard and Mamie Wilson were the builders and operators. The building was of customary style for the period with double driveway, canopy over the inner drive, two stall service rooms and restrooms. The canopy was removed later.

The third station was constructed by

The first modern gas station in Cedarville was built in the 1920s by Will Bender of Red Oak. It was later operated by Perry Koppein and his son. It is now the site of a car wash.



Donald Reed at a later date directly north of the Standard Oil station built by Bender on the northeast corner of the intersection. Reed's experience as a station operator at the Wilson station and also experience as a mechanic in a Freeport garage resulted in a construction providing for inside servicing of cars, with more emphasis on garage work. The building had four large doors and ample space for serving four or more cars at the same time.

These three stations served the gas customer's need for many years. The pumps at the three grocery stores had long since disappeared. The Shippy store (on Mill and Second streets) had burned; Strohm's (on Mill and Cherry streets) had closed and was converted to apartments. Bollman's had been operated for many years as Bear's store and currently (in 1990) is Purdue's but no gasoline pumps are in existence.



Elmer Hybarger gives full service at the station on Oak and Stephenson streets.

Through the years numerous brands of gasoline were sold by the three gas stations. The first at Bender's was Standard Oil, but the logos of Shell, Mobil, Texaco, Marathon, Sinclair and others were also seen at various times as companies changed names and station operators negotiated new franchises.

Operators were known throughout the

Reed's Service on the northeast corner of Stephenson Street and Cedarville Road as it looks today under the operation of Gene Reed and his son John, the son and grandson of founder Donald Reed.



A new station was constructed at the site in the 1960s.

Area as traffic increased following the construction of Highway 26 in 1928 (formerly known as Highway 74). The self-service station was still in its infancy and operators of the three stations were full service operators who checked oil and air and cleaned windshields. Some of the names I recall are Bender, Koppein's, Harold and Robert Fink, Leonard

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Snyder, Davidson, Donald Noble, Richard Noble, Elmer Hybarger, Pete Huenefeld, Gene and John Reed. During the period of the operation of the stations, new computerized pumps, self service stations and other changes, especially increases in prices, introduced new trends.

Today (*in 1990*), a cycle has been completed. Again gasoline is dispensed in close proximity to the grocery store, now designated as the convenience store. A new Mobile station stands on the southwest corner of Stephenson Street and Cedarville-Lena Road, directly west of the first station built in the 1920s. It is thoroughly modern. Its style is similar to thousands throughout the nation — estimated to be more than 200,000 in number — and serving an estimated 200 million cars, buses and trucks.

Current photograph of the Mobile station and convenience store located on the southwest corner of Stephenson Street and Cedarville Road. It is the first and only self-service station in Cedarville.

Dammanns Announce 2011 Tour of History

Karen and Dr. Gordon Dammann's annual bus tour of eastern U.S. historic sites is set for October 13 through 20. The \$1,275 per person cost includes round-trip travel from Lena, double occupancy hotel room, 20 meals, entrance to museums and sites and a pre-trip party.

Tour includes: National Museum of Civil War Medicine; historic downtown Frederick, Md.; Washington D.C.; Arlington National Cemetery; Ford's Theatre; Smithsonian American History Museum and Air Space Museum; Sommerset, Pa., UA Flight 93 Memorial; and Manassas, Gettysburg and Antietam battlefields.

A \$100 deposit to Dammann Tours, Inc., Box 754, Lena, Il. 61048 reserves a spot. More information is available at g.dammann@mchsi.com.